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This pamphlet is a summary of the applicable laws and regulations governing sport fishing in West Virginia. The West Virginia Code and the West Virginia Code of Rules contain the details of these laws and regulations. Both publications are available for review in the Director's Office and Division of Natural Resources District Offices. Copies of the official regulations may be obtained from the West Virginia Secretary of State. Year-round fishing is in effect unless otherwise noted.

NEW FOR 2011

Walleye

20-inch to 30-inch slot regulation with a 2 walleye limit, one of which may be over 30 inches, on the New River from the Hawks Nest Dam extending upstream to the West Virginia/Virginia state line, except within that this section is a catch-and-release regulation for all walleye from the Meadow Creek public access site extending upstream 5 miles to the base of Sandstone Falls. (see page 6)

Hybrid Striped Bass, Striped Bass and White Bass

Statewide daily limit of 30 fish in aggregate with no more than 4 fish greater than 15 inches, except in designated special regulation waters: Mt. Storm, East Lynn and Rollins lakes. (see page 2)

Shavers Fork

Trout catch-and-release area on Shavers Fork of Cheat River, extending for 0.9-mile in the Stuart Recreation Area (see page 5).

Mash Fork of Camp Creek

Establishment of a Children and Class Q fishing area on Mash Fork of Camp Creek within Camp Creek State Park/State Forest. (see page 4)



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Landowner – Sportsmen Relations

West Virginia anglers are indebted to local landowners throughout the state. Without their consent and generosity, fishing would be restricted to state and federal lands. The opportunity for continued use of private property is largely dependent upon anglers' attitudes and conduct. Most stream closures are the result of disrespect for private property.

Statement of Policy Relative to Public Use of Facilities

It is the policy of the Division of Natural Resources to provide its facilities, accommodations, services and programs to all persons. Complaints should be mailed to: Director, Division of Natural Resources, 324 Fourth Avenue, Room 341, South Charleston, WV 25303, or to the Office of Human Resources, U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, MA 01035-9589. The Division of Natural Resources is an equal opportunity employer.